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No. 1.

Early Return Home Hope of Secretary

Baker Issues Letter of Appreciation and Assures Men of "Sympathy and Activity"

Demobilization—the great subject of the day—is discussed in a letter written by the Secretary of War and forwarded by the Adjutant General of the Army. Officers and men are assured that they may "rely upon the sympathy and activity of the Department in their early return home." Those who hoped for an immediate discharge are liable to disappointment, however, for a large force must be kept in the service until the military needs are determined and some time must be devoted to the restoration of normal business conditions.

The letter follows:

"General Orders No. 106 issued November 14th, reads: The signing of the military armistice enables us to suspend the intensive military preparation in which the country was engaged. It does not, however, signify the formal end of the war and will, therefore, be necessary for us to keep under arms a substantial army until we are certain just what the military needs of the country will be. The men in service in the United States will be demobilized as rapidly as is consistent with the needs of the Government and the other agencies of the Government toward a rapid re-establishment of normal business conditions and the restoration of the soldiers to their homes and occupations. In the meantime, I desire to express to the officers and soldiers under arms in the United States the appreciation of the Department for their patriotic zeal and service. That they were not called upon to go abroad and not permitted to participate in the historic struggle in France leaves them not the less a part of the great army of our nation and entitled to the thanks of the nation for their readiness to serve. All officers and men can rely upon the sympathy and activity of the Department in their early return home. Both officers and men will realize that it is their duty to continue with the training and work, and to maintain in the highest degree the discipline and soldierly bearing which is the great glory of the Army, of which they are a part."

Newton D. Baker, Sec. of War.

Each to His Own Task, Diligently, and Speed the Return of All to Civil Life

Words of Greeting from the Commander of the Post



LT.-COL. A. P. UPSHUR
Commander of the Post.

"With the future of humanity hanging in the balance, our country has just participated in the greatest struggle which the world has ever seen; the result of this struggle, for which we are largely responsible, insures for us and our children a life of honor, peace, and happiness, and an opportunity to pursue unmolested our varied occupations.

"During the past two years more than four million young men from every section of this great land, have given up their homes, their families, and their friends, and garbed in the uniform of their country have served, and served well, in every place to which it has been necessary to send them. Some have been 'OVER THERE,' and after suffering personal discomforts too numerous and varied to mention, and finally passing through their baptism of fire,—have returned to us here, many of them with wounds and injuries which will to the end of their lives, be a reminder to themselves and their loved ones of the gallant part they have played. Others have not been offered this opportunity, but giving their all nevertheless, have obeyed the call of duty.

"Today, 'OVER HERE,' we find them both, and both have the same object in view,—namely, to have restored as completely and quickly as possible the physical condition of those who have come back to us; at the same time they must be fitted for the task of providing for themselves and their families, and for this reason our government has provided facilities which, while giving our wounded soldiers valuable vocational training, also is a decided factor in the completeness and rapidity of their convalescence.

"Let all of us then, OVER HERE,—officers, nurses, aides, enlisted men, and patients,—putting aside everything else, work with only this end in view. Let nothing hinder or halt us in the work which is ahead; the war is over but a great task is still before us,—the task of reconstruction. Let therefore all put their shoulders to the wheel, and apply themselves diligently, each to his own task. If this is done thoroughly, how much more speedily will pass the time, until each one of us returns to his allotted place in civil life."

A. P. UPSHUR.

'Don't Drop It' Is Tip on Insurance

Your Government Policy is the Best on the Market and Offers Cheap Protection

By A. H. Mathewson,
Sergeant 1st Class, Med. Dept.

Every man in the army has practically lost his right to take out insurance in private companies, since no private company will insure him at anything except at a prohibitive cost. In order that a man in service might receive benefits of insurance, the government has created the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. Nearly every man in the service has availed himself of this insurance at a cost very much lower than the cost of insurance in private companies in peace times. It is to a man's advantage to avail himself of this insurance, for every business man agrees that this is the best and cheapest insurance a man can get. Government insurance is sold at cost, eliminating overhead charges of administration, offices, agent's fees, physician's fees, etc.

It is unfortunate that many men do not seem to have business capacity

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LIEUT. WALSH RECOVERS.

Lieut. Richard J. Walsh, personnel adjutant, has recovered from the effects of injuries sustained in the Officers' Quarters fire. He made his first appearance in the personnel office Saturday.

NEW HOSPITAL SERGEANTS.

Sergeant First Class Clyde W. Heath and Sergeant First Class Harry A. Federman, both of the Medical Department, were appointed to the grade of Hospital Sergeants in hospital orders issued November 16. OVER HERE is pleased to express the pleasure it feels at this deserved recognition of two prominent members of the Post.

Major Arthur D. Dean, of the Sanitary Corps, visited the hospital last week and spent considerable time visiting and inspecting the school. He addressed a staff meeting and gave an interesting account of his late inspections at several hospitals.

The Red Cross was deluged with invitations from residents of nearby homes seeking the opportunity of entertaining patients at Thanksgiving dinner. More than 600 invitations were received, while only 300 patients were available.

Two Hundred War Veterans At School; Room for More

By Maj. Franklin W. Johnson
Chief of the Educational Service.

Probably a great many patients do not know that there is such a thing as a school connected with the hospital. A great many more have never been inside the school buildings.

The school is intended to serve two important purposes. First, to help men to recover as fully and quickly as possible. Merely to have something interesting to do is a help if it does nothing more than keep a man from thinking about himself and his misfortune. But for many the outdoor work on the farm or the work in the shops or classrooms gives direct benefit in building up their general strength or in the development of some disabled hand or arm.

Besides the curative purpose there is another which is of great importance. Many disabled men will be unable to take up their old trades or occupations without retraining while some will find it necessary to prepare for some other occupation. It is the aim of the Educational Service to give advice to all who wish it regarding their plans for future occupations and to provide for all such instruction as will best fit them to meet the demands which life will place upon them after they are discharged from the army.

More than two hundred men are now working at the school. There is room for many more. Here is an opportunity for men who never had a chance to secure an education, or for those who, having it, let it pass. Courses are offered in English, Mathematics, History, Bookkeeping, Typewriting, Salesmanship, Stenography, Drafting, Penmanship (right and left hand), Agriculture, Landscape Gardening, Carpentry, Shoemaking, Electrical Work, Sign Painting, Typesetting, Press work, Leather Tooling, Weaving and various forms of Applied Arts.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to come over and see what is going on at the school. If you wish any advice about your education or future employment you may have it for the asking. If you wish to take up work in any of the various lines offered you can do so at any time. We desire nothing so much as to help you overcome your difficulties.

CHAPEL SERVICES.

1. What? There is a chapel at this Post.
2. Where? On Midwood Way, next to the Quartermasters' Office, Building No. 1.
3. Why? For you to attend.
4. When? Sunday mornings 8:30, Mass for Catholics. At 10 a. m., Post services (undenominational).

SAME HERE.

If you have a bit of news,
Send it in.
Or a joke that will amuse,
Send it in.
An incident that's true,
A photograph that's new,
We want to hear from you,
Send it in.
—The Star Shell.

BARRACK BUNK.

During the rainy season the gondola system of transportation would be helpful in going from No. 1 to No. 4.

Men in all squad rooms are advised to wear gas masks every evening from 6 to 7—the hour of telling about the "swell date" made for the evening.

Keon was in Rahway the night on which the peace celebration was held. He marched with the Boy Scouts.

Precht should get a wound stripe for his adventures during the Rahway parade. He stopped at least two pounds of powder (talcum).

Randolph thinks he should get the gold chevron for his vaccination; he can almost hide behind the scar.

Speaking of sentimental telepathy, the Bugler blows all his calls in the direction of Nurses' Quarters. That's all right for taps, but if the nurses "appreciate" a call at 5:45 a. m.,—that's true love, Larkin.

The general opinion seems to be that the quarantine was not bad except that it was so confining.

Every time Kilbride has to stand guard or walk from Rahway he expresses sorrow that he did not join the Navy—then he could wait for his abode to come to him.

Latest reports indicate that the mysterious "Virginia Street" has not been located. The investigating committee has hunted it in Plainfield, Elizabeth and Rahway. Result: No Virginia street; no girls. (Try the Lost and Found department of OVER HERE.)

"Bank Roll" Hayes, of Hose Reel No. 1, is petitioning for a fire drill every afternoon instead of once a week. No. 1 is stationed in front of Nurses' Quarters.

Fall plowing was right good this year, says Boggan.

"If so, why not?" asks Corporal Finkelhor no matter what the argument may be.

New York Cleary—I'm from the South, too.

Norleans Brennan—Gwan! What part of the South you from?

New York Cleary—South Dakota. (Swat!)

The rookie was spending his third day in camp, serving as orderly at Officers' Quarters. Enter Captain Sellers in a hurry.

Capt. Sellers—Where's Lieut. Fraser? Is he here?

Rookie—I dunno.

Capt. Sellers—Don't you know him when you see him?

Rookie—Nope! Never been introduced to him.

During this open season of free automobile rides to town, it is considered poor form to step into the middle of the road and flag the Commanding Officer's car.

Corporal Graham is strictly military, even when engaged in typewriting. Every time he has to hit the back-spacer he shouts, "As you were."

Private (at Rahway station)—What will you charge to take me to the hospital?

Taxi Bandit—One fifty.

Private—Well, it's good money even if you don't get it. Good-by.

K-C

On Monday, November 22, we had a merry minstrel show given by the Aerie of Eagles, of Harrison, N. J. The jokes were snappy, the solo and chorus numbers were well done, and the show had plenty of life. Fred Styles was interlocutor; the end men were Messrs. Scanlan, McKenna, Nichols and Bruning. At the request of the audience, plans are being made for a return engagement December 16.

Plans made by General Secretary Gates are somewhat unsettled while the steam fitters are putting in the heating system. However he has arranged the following program for the week of December 2:

Monday, December 2, Royal Arcanum, Big Vaudeville Show.

Wednesday, December 4, Elks of Elizabeth.

Friday, December 6, L. S. Plaut Choral Society, Newark.

Weekly programs of events to be held at the K-C House will be announced in OVER HERE.

During the winter months the Secretary expects to give vaudeville, musical comedy and minstrel shows on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Other nights there will be moving pictures, pinochle and evchre parties.

Y. M. C. A.

The new Y. M. C. A. building will be ready for occupancy as soon as the connections have been made for heat and light. Secretary McKay is planning a formal opening which will be in keeping with the general excellence of the new house.

A telephone and booth have been installed for the use of the boys.

There will be a song service in the chapel next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Y's show in the chapel for Friday, November 29, will offer Douglas Fairbanks in "Headin' South."

The first of a series of high class entertainments to be given by the Montclair Dramatic Club was offered Monday evening in the chapel. It was offered under the direction of the Montclair Camp Community.

THE VICTORY MINSTRELS.

Friday, the night of the twenty-second, witnessed the first tryout of the new system inaugurated at the Red Cross House to prevent overcrowding. Men from the odd numbered wards were the guests of the evening—and they surely turned out in great numbers. Perhaps restriction on certain nights has placed a higher valuation on the entertainments.

The performance, a minstrel show, was given by the Y. W. H. A., of Perth Amboy, under the direction of Ned K. Miller. It was a good show and thoroughly enjoyable. The songs were well handled, Miss Lena Goldman doing particularly well in her two numbers.

Although not on the program, Sergeant Kendall did his bit by walking down the aisle with a large offering of flowers—not to mention his display of blushes and self-consciousness.

Think of it; after spending anywhere from four months to a year and a half learning French; they've got to go and learn German. Aint it hell.

* * * * * PROMOTIONS IN THE DETACHMENT. * * * * *

A large list of promotions in the Detachment, Medical Department, was announced on November 1st, by Col. Upshur. The list follows:

Sergeants appointed first class sergeants: Raymond M. Kendall, Arthur H. Mathewson, Loren H. Crabtree.

Corporals appointed sergeants: Kidpatrick Beck, Harold J. Davidson, Albert J. Freeman, Harold A. Leigh, Chester A. Mosner, Clarence C. Woodruff.

Private first class appointed corporals: James P. Bach, Gerson R. Cross, Simeon E. Dolle, Francis Finkelhor, Harry Finkle, Bernard R. Hayes, Charles H. Holmes, Edward C. J. Rober, George H. Rehback, Henry N. Townsley, Basil E. Underwood, Irving J. Yeck.

Appointed cooks: Private First Class John Kolnoski, Private David Mock, Private First Class Oscar Mock, Private First Class Anthony Yablonsky.

Privates appointed privates first class: Paul Ambrose, Edward S. Bessman, Arthur B. Binder, William E. Brewster, Bernard J. Cassell, Leo Cline, Rowen Clyburn, William E. Conway, Dello Corsi, Charles Costopoulos, Vincenzo DeStefanis, Henry C. Evans, Francis C. Frederick, William Fritchie, Francisco Grivetto, Raymond J. Hollman, Lawrence A. Hoskins, George I. Hoyer, Robert T. Joffe, Leo A. Kehs, William Kluin, John Lazaar, Anthony Leisman, Albert Lochra, Frank Lynch, Joseph T. Martin, Walter A. Matthias, Maxim A. Maximoff, Charles Mayer, Elias J. Megas, James A. Miller, William M. Noland, Leo H. Pehlmeier, William McK. Rau, Henry J. Rittman, Thomas L. Reynolds, Fred Schafer, William Scherer, Raymond T. Smith, James R. Tilford, Owen Traylor, Sidney Wegner.

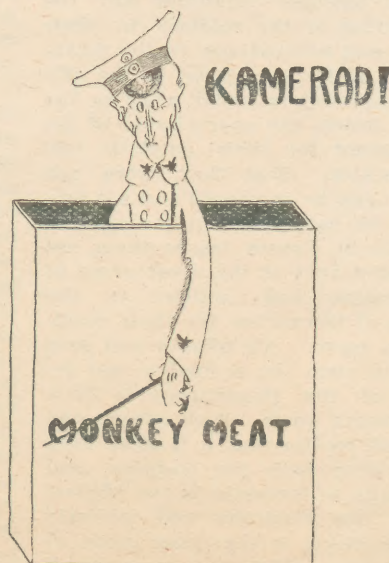
RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

To be Sergeant, Medical Department, Cook John A. Gillies.

To be Corporals, Medical Department: Private First Class Emanuel N. Chrisotimos, Private First Class Frank Ricigliano.

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VOLUME ONE, NUMBER ONE.

It is with no little anxiety on the part of those detailed to officiate at the ceremony, that this, the first number of "OVER HERE," is brought from the dim light of the press-room into the bright glare of our immediate world.

It is not that the establishment of a small-sized weekly newspaper is such a tremendous task in itself. The cause for anxiety has been, rather, the fear that our efforts would fall short of portraying the unique atmosphere which characterizes an Army Hospital in its days of greatest anxiety; that during the first few weeks of organization and consequent confusion, "OVER HERE" may show itself weak in its efforts to do justice to the great work being carried on at this Post.

Even as a soldier must be constantly and intimately familiar with his General Orders, so must those responsible for the appearance and contents of "OVER HERE" be ever mindful of their obligations as publicists. Nor are these minor obligations. Ours is the task of publishing a paper essentially in the interests of all who are devoting their time and ability to the welfare of General Hospital No. 3—the enlisted men assigned to duty in the various divisions; the hundreds of patients under treatment here; the nurses, aides, and instructors who care for the patients and prepare them for return to civil life; and the officers who are responsible for the progress and welfare of the Post personnel. At first glance it may appear that the interests of such a group might be varied. Yet, all are here for one purpose—the good of the cause—and it is a subtle tribute to the democracy of America's military force that the entire population of a military post should be essentially interested in a single publication.

It is our fond hope that the name selected for this newspaper will be more than a mere title that fills a certain assigned section of the front page. It should be, and it will be, the slogan of all Americans during the next year or two, even as "Over There" was the all-sufficient phrase during the days when civilized force was pounding Hun barbarism into subjection. The trench is being abandoned and left to the tourist and the souvenir seeker;

the battle-field is being returned to the peasant farmer and the keeper of the vineyard. The great sentimental activity, so far as Americans are concerned, has shifted to our own country. Reconstruction of our wounded is the work of the hour and may be carried on with full vigor and undivided attention. The ghastly casualty list soon will take its place in the fields of history; reports of battles will no longer distract our attention from our immediate duties at home. Our thoughts will be where our work is. Truly the great stage is over here.

As a publication, "OVER HERE" cannot claim any great and inspiring work to be done nor does it have a ponderous mission in life. It will not bore you with statistics on the temperature and rainfall of foreign cities nor the amount of rolling stock required to move the Argentine wheat crop. But it will be more than willing to writhe in rhetorical elegance if that will cause the midnight train to stop at Colonia, or participate in any other cause calculated to be of benefit to the United States Army, locally speaking.

"OVER HERE" hopes to offer a word of cheer whenever possible and reflect truly the spirit of General Hospital No. 3. It plans to give record to the small, yet important, happenings in the lives of those about us. It aims to find out what is going on and offer reliable information. It longs to be regarded as Your paper, and it aspires to Your intimate friendship, whether you be listed among the high and mighty of military affairs or are to be found in the ranks of that most interesting of all modern inventions—the buck private.

Such are the ambitions and the aspirations of "OVER HERE" over here.

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LAUGH AND LIVE.

There are very good reasons for believing that the ordinary civilian fosters the idea that a well-fitted Army Hospital is a place of mournful meditations, introduced by a Symphony in Sorrow and followed by a wail of woe. We healthy ones, who have been privileged to operate here without being operated upon, hold far different views—and so do the greater portion of the patients. They themselves, would be the last to admit the ownership of a gloomy thought. They would remind you that a cane is ornamental and stylish, as well as being an essential industry and that the longer they remain in bed, the less chance there is of being run over by a motor truck in a crowded street. They would tell you, "It might be worse," no matter what your question was and they would probably offer you a bit of philosophy to the effect that because a man loses a leg it does not follow that he has lost his taste for dancing.

The overseas patient refuses all opportunities to become a pessimist. Right now his chief task is to recover from his wounds and prepare himself for return to civil life in the best possible condition. He is carrying out the order with the same courage and perseverance that marked his fighting in France; and

he is viewing the situation with the humor which made him the delight of his Allies.

Among the men of the detachment may be found a great deal of the same kind of spirit. They have troubles of their own, of course, but their troubles are short-lived. They may have just finished 12 hours of constant work in one of the wards; or it may be three days since The Girl wrote, or perhaps a soldier who longed to be an aviator has spent all day on the coal pile. Surely these are troubles to disturb the best of men. Yet give these men a chance to meet in the barracks and within five minutes the whole populace of Middlesex county will hear the much be-tenored strains of "I'm Sorry I Made You Cry" floating over the evening breeze—a sure signal that all is well with the men and also, alas! that "K-K-Katie" will be the next number on the program.

The office of "OVER HERE," even, is not without its proof that life is very well worth living. Our only genuine pessimist is our "Answers to Lovers" editor and he admits that his future was ruined by tight shoes during his college days. As for the rest, Life is, more or less, one long, sweet song, with absolutely no tire trouble.

Perhaps a visitor would consider our staff an odd assortment of humans. There is an associate editor, for instance, who recently returned to An Atlantic Port after spending an interesting summer in France. One day while strolling about the country near Chateau Thierry he picked up a piece of shrapnel with his right hand. It took two surgeons and five weeks to make him let go of it—now he writes with his left hand. Another of our stars left a considerable portion of his feet outside the trench one night; now when he wants the 'phone or the paste he simply reaches it with his crutch instead of walking around the table. Thus does the law of averages get in its work.

Our advertising manager formerly belonged with the Tank Corps, or some such non-pacifist organization. He says he anticipates little trouble in selling lots of space. We have requested him, however, not to use a tank in calling on "prospects"—but you never can tell.

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Why not condemn the Kaiser to service as a K. P. in our overcrowded mess hall?

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"Two suppers in one night," said the rookie as he went to breakfast at 6 a. m.

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Now that the war is over, a good many of us limited service men may quit wearing glasses.

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Among the severely wounded at our hospital are those detachment men recently ordered to remove their mustaches.

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Who would be left to pick up the crutches if there should be posted a notice that all men here are immediately discharged?



Capt. Benjamin E. Spiegel

Commanding Officer, Detachment,
Medical Dept.

Captain Spiegel accepted his present commission November 13, with rank dating from October 21st. He has been permanent Commanding Officer of the Detachment since October 18, and had been temporarily assigned to that position since June 18. His close application to his duties and his ability to handle men have been largely responsible for the success of the Detachment in handling its heavy duties.

Captain Spiegel has chosen the first issue of OVER HERE as a means of greeting the men of the Detachment. His message is timely and well worth reading. It follows:

With so many of my men on special duty, it is impossible to get you all together at one time to talk to you, so this paper will be the happy medium.

The signing of the armistice, causing a cessation of hostilities, which we hope will be permanent, has started a grave crisis in our armies, which every soldier must do his best to overcome. It is the crisis of lowered morale and discipline. The men rightfully feel that they have done their bit and want to get home as soon as possible. This is true, but we must look at this matter from a common sense and logical viewpoint. Imagine the consequences of sending four millions men back to civilian life without the proper preparation. As long as we are in uniform, we must continue to do our duty, our full duty. The work here has been heavy and at times, irksome, but the good soldier shows his mettle when working under the worst handicaps.

Being a non-combatant, a “pill roller,” as we are sometimes called, has cut us all. But our consolation is the fact that when the doughboys and other combatants are wounded, it is the “pill roller,” who, without any means of self-defense, goes through the fire to aid and succor his brothers-in-arms. Many of our comrades in the medical department, have paid the supreme price in this war; many of us would have been willing, yes, happy, to do the same if we only had the opportunity. But

ARTS AND CRAFTS AT COLONIA.

Many of the patients at the hospital seem to think that, because of an arm that isn't as good as it used to be, that they are excluded from the arts and crafts work in the Red Cross House on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Nothing could be farther from the truth. We personally know of one man who, with one hand gone and the other partially paralyzed, constructed a basket whose workmanship equalled that of men who had both hands to work with.

Fully one-third of the men who assemble on the stage on these afternoons to try their hand at constructing the various articles in basketry, silver jewelry, pottery, wood and modeling wax, have some disability of the arm or hand.

Entirely aside from the unquestioned curative value of the work done and that is very great, there is a fascination about designing and constructing articles of artistic and utilitarian value, that is greater possibly than in any other form of recreational work.

There is no intention here to teach you a trade, no expectation that, because you chose to make and decorate a basket, you are to make your living for the rest of your life by making baskets. The only idea is your entertainment and amusement and if in gaining entertainment you also aid the curative process, loosen up constricted muscles and gradually regain your old command over a disabled hand or arm, that is good and everyone is glad of it but the main object is your amusement and that main object is never lost sight of for a moment.

JULIAN DORR.

DRAMATICS.

Is there a Booth, a Barrett, or a Bernhardt dwelling unnoticed in our midst? Then this message, just received from Miss Gates, will interest you:

“Are you interested in giving plays? Lots of people harbor a secret longing to act all their lives, but never have the time or the opportunity to develop it. Here is a chance for both. If you have never been in a performance, this is the time to come and try out. If you have done a little acting, come and do a little more—and if you have had a great deal of experience, you are thrice welcome. We hope to put on one good play after another—and although we do not compete with professional bills, we think the fellows will enjoy them just as much and more because they are entirely their own products. We are working on a vaudeville program now, and any one who has any pet tricks that would make a good feature is urged most heartily to volunteer. We need men who can sing, dance, or play any musical instrument. Give your names to Miss Gates, who can be seen almost any morning in The Red Cross House—and who knows, you may be an undiscovered Frank Tinney or John Barrymore, perhaps.”

fate willed otherwise and we had to be satisfied with staying over here.

I want to thank you one and all for the good work you have done and feel confident that it will continue. So, come on, boys, show the stuff that is in you and be the good soldiers that you have been, until that happy day when we will get into “mufti” again.

“Elizabeth” Favorite Name Since Men Saw Girlie Show

To those detachment men who were unfortunate enough to leave the Post on the evening of November 20th, sincere and hearty condolences are offered. The reason: On that particular evening there appeared in our midst and for our select entertainment an organization known as “The Elizabeth Review,” direct from a sensational run in the Elizabeth hotel motor bus and huddling over with mirth, music, beauty and other distinguishing marks which make the tired business man seek the Winter Garden. In the company were 18—count 'em, 18—coy, cute, dainty, dimpled, maidens and one Fred Sleckman, a singing comedian of fiery action and hair. The show was brought here under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, of Elizabeth, and was in charge of District Deputy William A. Leonard.

It was a great night. The girls did all the approved acts of the day, such as parading up and down the aisle, throwing kisses (candy) to the boys and singing “It Might As Well Be You” to the more bashful members who sat in the front row. The stage door did a tremendous business and there was such a large crowd of soldiers hanging around the bus that it was necessary to appoint a traffic officer to make a lane for the vehicle.

The cast was divided into Southern Girls, Holiday Girls and Vampire Girls. All showed unusual talent in the presentation of popular songs and the encores were as numerous as Fords. It was one of the best shows presented at this Post.

OVER HERE has decided to be a real friend of those who saw the show, and print the names of the girls in the act. A number of the boys were seen copying names and addresses by the light of the bus—but mistakes might easily be made, while this is Mr. Sleckman's official list. He says he will bring the troupe here again on December 16. By that time we hope to have the telephone numbers of all the girls, and the space in which to print them. Moral: Read OVER HERE.

The soloists included May Nevins, Alyce Lloyd and Ida Halsey; Southern Girls, Marge Currall, Sarah Rooney, Marge Farrell, Agnes Yeade, Elizabeth Crea; Holiday Girls, Helen Price, Ethel McLachin, Marie Barry, Lynda Bond; Vampires, Alyce Lloyd, Helen Lyman, Anna La Pore, Helen Ievins, Mabel Bessell and Bertha Jacoby.

LAWRENCE, FIRST SERGEANT.

Detachment order, No. 22, issued November 18, appointed Hospital Sergeant Charles H. Lawrence First Sergeant of the Medical Detachment, succeeding Sergeant First Class Frank B. Price, who has reported to Lieutenant Dovell for duty.

SWAIM GETS COMMISSION.

Sergeant First Class John C. Swaim, formerly in charge of the records office, has been commissioned First Lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps. He has been assigned to Base Hospital No. 160, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. He has been succeeded in the records office by Sergeant First Class Ira S. Alison.

‘Don’t Drop It’ Is Tip on Insurance

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to appreciate the advantage of keeping this insurance. It is unfortunate that many would rather have the six dollars and sixty or seventy cents to spend on unnecessary things now, than to have insurance protection in the future. The single man should have enough business ability to look ahead and provide for the future. Practically every single man in the service will marry and have dependents. Should he die uninsured his wife and children, in the majority of cases will either be dependent on relatives, or their daily labor. In most cases the widow will sorely need money at times, if there is no financial support for the family. No man should think of leaving his widow to look for undignified employment. Today many women are “taking in washing,” to support their children, which would not be the case had their husbands left insurance. A soldier's family might receive \$57.50 per month for twenty years, or a total of \$13,800. The argument that a man might not receive financial benefit on insurance himself is answered by calling his intention to the fact that insurance is for his family and not for himself. Surely every man will support his family, and should he neglect this government insurance, he might find himself unable in the future to buy other insurance, especially if he is now in limited service, or disabled in any way.

The government insurance will be carried after a man leaves the service. Provisions are being made and when regulations are drafted, the insured will be informed. The present form of insurance is no doubt the most practical the government could offer in war time. Naturally a uniform plan will not be the best for everybody after leaving the service. It is certain that each of the 4,250,000 men now holding government insurance, will be permitted after peace is declared, to convert it without further medical examination into ordinary life, twenty-pay life endowment maturing at the age of sixty-two, or other prescribed forms of insurance now used by private insurance companies. Plans are now under consideration for allowing beneficiaries to choose between taking monthly payments over a period of twenty years, or to commute their payments in a lump sum. There will be provision for payments in case of disability, or death, according to tentative plans.

Hang on to your insurance. Do not pass up a good thing. The fact that the tremendous growth of our army has made it difficult for government clerks to keep up with all the work now involved in sending out checks for family allotments, etc., is not an excuse to drop insurance which is entirely another matter. You are not getting even with the government by dropping insurance; you are only hurting yourself. Insurance in no way affects the compensation you will receive for disability in the line of duty. They are entirely different; the one is sold as a business proposition; the other is given in return for service.

SPORTS.

Now that the season of indoor sports is here, the Y. M. C. A., in conjunction with the K. of C. and Red Cross, is planning to arrange a series of varied sports. Every one is wanted to participate in the various sports:

Basketball, Boxing, Wrestling, Hockey, Indoor Baseball, Hand Ball.

Basketball.

There is no reason why everyone shouldn't respond to the call for basketball players. Teams will be of different classes according to heights, so as to give everyone a chance. A schedule will be made up later, arranging games with outside teams as well as games with different teams in the camp.

Boxing.

Nothing need be said about this sport as everyone is interested in it. Some time ago quite a number of bouts were held here with great approval of everyone. There is nothing more interesting to the wounded boys than boxing, so we will have plenty of it.

Wrestling.

There will be different classes in this sport to give everyone a chance. Classes will be arranged according to weights, ranging from 115 pounds to the heavyweight class.

Such sports as hockey, indoor baseball and handball will also be planned. It's up to all the fellows to come out and take part in all of these sports, so that we will have good teams to meet some of those in the vicinity of the camp.

M. M. ROSE.

THE NAME.

Nearly 200 names were submitted in the contest through which the title, "OVER HERE," was selected for this newspaper. Four prizes had been offered, \$10 for the name accepted, and \$5 each for the titles which ranged second, third and fourth. In the cases of the first and second selections, each was offered by two participants in the contest. The judges decided, therefore, to give each the full amount of the prize rather than split the money:

The winners were:

First—Sergeant A. H. Mathewson, "OVER HERE;" Private David Bernstein, "OVER HERE."

Second—Sergeant A. M. Toppin, "The Reconstruction News;" Private Paul F. O'Brien, "The Reconstruction News."

Third—Miss Mary Moran, student nurse, "The Shock Absorber."

Fourth—Corporal James P. Bach, "The Kit Bag."

Honorable Mention:

"Bones and Brains," Mrs. Abe King; "The Stepping Stone," J. F. Gallivan; "The Troubles End Weekly," Corporal Eugene L. Farr, Ward 7; "Newbones," Mrs. Carl Badeau, Mercy House; "The Gold Chevron," Private Patrick S. Lester, Ward 2; "The Stump Speaker," Gustave Fleischmann.

There seems to be some doubt as to what should be done with the Kaiser. Why not force him to live in the Bronx?

Of course one must avoid unnecessary cruelty. For instance, he might be given the option of committing suicide.

AMERICAN LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION NOTES.

Do you know that there is a Vocational Library

It occupies a room near the office of the Vocational School. There are tables for study, and books on all subjects taught, such as agriculture, automobiling, mechanics, etc. Patient in the hospital who want books that are in the Vocational Library, may obtain them through the hospital librarian, who will also supply anyone with books from the general collection in the Red Cross Building.

The library is being organized by Miss Ernestine Rose from the A. L. A. Headquarters in Washington. Corporal Mansfield is to be in charge, under the direction of Miss Marjorie Martin, Hospital Librarian. A general invitation is extended to students and instructors to put in requests for books and magazines which they wish and do not find in the collection.

OUR SALESMEN.

OVER HERE owes lasting gratitude to Hospital Sergeants Heath and Federman, Sergeant Maslon, and Private First Class Bessman for their splendid success in selling advertising space to the firms whose names appear in this issue of the paper. They took up the work on short notice and, in addition to carrying on their regular work, devoted themselves so fully and efficiently to the advertising campaign that the financial success of OVER HERE was immediately guaranteed.

NEW FIELD DIRECTOR.

Charles J. Ferrin, Jr., has arrived here to assume his duties as Field Director of the Red Cross. He will make announcement of his plans in an early edition. Mr. Ferrin has been in the Red Cross service since July, 1917. Before coming here he was stationed at the hospital at Camp Devens.

WHEN OFFICER

SPOOFS OFFICERS.

Said old Captain VAN to CAD WELL, how are you today Captain? Feel like a KING, FUST time in months. Going up to lunch? I'll be UPSHUR. What is this, Friday? SAMMON again. You know it beats all —. Sellers and Fraser sit there with a BOALE of cereal and pure cream and we have skimmed milk. Whay don't SLAY MAKE a kick. No use getting RYALLED at that. Take your BERRIES and let er go GAL-LEGHER. for it's always FEYER-WEATHER when we will ALBEE together with a stein on the table and good fellows all around.

(Apologies to Bud Fischer.)

"D—N THE KAISER!"

Judge—What is the prisoner charged with, officer?

Cop—Assault and battery on his mother-in-law, your honor?

Judge—Are you guilty or not guilty?

Victim—Guilty, your honor.

Judge—I fine you \$1.10.

Victim—But why the extra ten cents, Judge?

Judge—That's the war tax on amusements.

"Young man, did a shell hit you?"

"No. Mam, not at all, it crept up and bit me."

IT MAY BE FOOLISH, BUT—
IT'S FROM HEADQUARTERS.

Definitions:

"K. P."—The only military excuse for committing suicide.

"Buck Private"—The lowest form of animal life.

"Chevron"—A means whereby one Private can be distinguished from another. No soldier is supposed to be intelligent; therefore, there must be some means of knowing one from another.

"Adjutant"—The officer who puts the 'O. K.' on passes, and is therefore a regular fellow; when he refuses he is three degrees below the Kaiser.

"Commanding Officer"—No one seems to know; haven't seen any one stop him to inquire of his health.

"Bugle"—An instrument of torture, sometimes classed as a musical instrument.

"Non-Com."—An abbreviation for non compos mentis.

"Squad Room"—The only place intended for sleeping; (ward masters may sleep on duty). All official orders except Hospital Orders, Special Orders and Detachment Orders Originate here and in other nearby places.

"Allotments"—A means devised to prevent the soldier being a spend-thrift. Everyone wants it.

"Insurance"—Don't all speak at once. Line forms to the right.

"Mess"—Self-explanatory.

"School"—Where patients go to get out of fatigue.

"Physico-therapy"—A 'fairy' nice place.

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